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What if the Ancient Egyptian Empire was centred in [Bubastis](#) instead of Alexandria? And what if it survived for far longer, using tactics of kidnapping, followed by forced marriages between enemy royalty and Egyptian princes and princesses, to force foes from the Muslim Caliphate, to the Persians and Greeks, to the Mongol Horde, to the Crusader Kingdoms, to Chinese dynasties, to Kievan Rus and Imperial Russia, to assimilate themselves into ~~Egypt~~ **Bubastis**? There are many more PoDs:

- While Islam still becomes a major world religion, the Arabic language does not become a major world language, being supplanted by Coptic. There isn't even a definition of "Standard Arabic".
- The Ancient Egyptian religion, Kemetism, never dies out.
- This greater Egypt went through a personal union with Britain through the marriage of Elizabeth I with the Pharaoh of Egypt in 1571, becoming the first Commonwealth Realm in history. As a result, English is a common language in the vast territories of the Egyptian Empire.
- The Russian (ITTL, Egyptian) explorers who discovered Antarctica actually claimed it (including all surrounding small islands, such as Kerguelen and South Georgia) for their mother nation.
- With the colonization of North America, Egypt claimed not only Alaska and the Yukon like OTL Russia, but also the entire Oregon Country (which they refused to sell to the US). Most of the colonists in that area, and Siberia, were from the UK.
 - Also in the Colonial Age, Egypt would also be given a very small area of northern

Australia (while the rest went to the British).

- The Parliament of Egypt would be placed in Victoria, as it already had regional parliament buildings of a suitably “European” look and feel.
- The Egyptians “scrambled” much of Northern Africa for themselves in the Scramble for Africa — including Ethiopia and Liberia.
- Egypt played the winning side in both World Wars, conquering the Ottomans and the “Intermarium” region after WWI, and taking over an unified pro-Nazi Francoist Spain-Portugal and the northern halves of Korea and Japan (South Korea is independent like ITTL, while South Japan is an US state) after WWII, as well as Thailand and much of the former Dutch, British, Spanish-Portuguese, and American colonies in the region (including Hong Kong and Macau). Also, the Pacific Islands Trust Territory would have been given to Egypt instead of the US, and would be integrated fully into Egypt.
 - In the process of decolonization, Egypt obtained both British India (which it had claimed the Pakistan region of as part of its Mid-Eastern regions) and French Indochina (which it had claimed as part of China). In 1989, the United States sold its uninhabited Guano Islands and Minor Outlying Islands to Egypt.
- The final expansions of Egypt proper came in 1992, when the United Kingdom gave the Falkland Islands to their fellow Commonwealth Realm and sister country, hoping to intimidate Argentina into giving up their claims, as Egypt is the largest nation by landmass, controlling almost all of Asia, as well as large areas of Eastern Europe, North Africa, and the Pacific Northwest.
- The “Roosevelt Plan” was enacted, meaning Germany ceased to exist after WWII.
- This Egypt would be a cross between a feudal state like OTL’s UAE and the historic Holy Roman Empire, and a federal Commonwealth Realm like Canada and Australia. Its subdivisions would variously be known as Oblasts, Provinces, States, Emirates, or Territories, depending on region.
- Shidinn (a recent conlang IOTL) was created in the 17th century ITTL, by a monk who wanted to standardize Chinese and make it easier to learn for English, Russian, and Coptic speakers who were more used to alphabetic languages. It became popular and spread across the Chinese regions of Egypt due to being easy to learn.
 - Other existing conlangs adopted into TTL include Interslavic (rebadged as Intermarian ITTL, used as a standardized form of various languages like Polish, Czech, and Serbocroatian) and Siberian (used in the British-settled Siberia as a dialect of Russian, but considered a language in its own right).
- Stalin, Lenin, Ataturk, and Gandhi were benign democratically-elected politicians ITTL.
- There would be a large school of ritual magick based in Egypt known as **Enochianism**, incorporating OTL’s Thelema, Enochian magick, and LaVeyan Satanism, as well as a fixation with the number 16 (similar to the FlorenceTime hexadecimal website).
- Since there would be no USSR, that means no Cold War, and since the Middle East would be united, that means no 9/11 and no War on Terror. Also, since there would be no bat meat being sold in Wuhan, there would be no COVID-19 pandemic.
- Egypt would officially be called the **Dominion, Caliphate, and Rus’ of Greater Egypt in Bubastis and Victoria**, but most people would call it simply “Egypt”, “Russia”, “Bubastis” (the most common), or “Victoria”.
 - There would be many demonyms, including “Bubastian” (the most common), “Victorian”, “Russian”, “Egyptian”, “Coptic”, “Oriental”, “Enochian”, and “Shidinn”.
- Egypt would have used an £sd system until 1965, when it switched to the Bubastian dollar (BUD), which is still used today. Although Bubastis would be part of the EU, they are not required to adopt the Euro, as much of their landmass is outside Europe.
- Like any good space-filling empire, Egypt would have a series of Overseas Territories. Think the whole “Parallel Brazil” timeline, but without the Brazil bit. (But still with the Overseas Trading Company and Free Cities.)

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